

THE METALS.

Silver, 47 1/2¢ per ounce.
Copper, 10 1/2¢ per pound; New York,
\$11.45 per 100 pounds.
Lead, \$3.50 per 100 pounds; New York,
\$4.12 1/2.

ESTABLISHED JUNE 6, 1870.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1902.

WEATHER TODAY.

FORECAST FOR SALT LAKE.
Probably snow; colder.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

FOURTEEN BURNED
IN A FIRE TRAP

Unfortunate Guests Lost Their
Lives in Chicago Hotel.

WERE SUFFOCATED IN BED

BUILDING HAD BEEN CON-
DEMNED BY INSPECTOR.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Fourteen men met death by suffocation this morning in a fire which occurred at 6 o'clock in the Lincoln hotel, 176 Madison street. Thirteen of those who lost their lives were stifled while lying in their beds. One victim was taken from the building before life was extinct, but died in the ambulance on the way to the nearest hospital.

Coroner Traeger, after inspecting the building, united with Fire Chief Musham in declaring that the building was a veritable trap, and never should have been used for hotel purposes. Chief Musham declared that there were such wide cracks in the floors that the smoke poured through the building in clouds, rendering escape extremely difficult for those on the upper floors.

There was no fire escape on the front of the building, although one was in process of construction. The scaffolding was up and from it dangled several ropes, down which a number of people slid to the pavement after all escape by the stairway had been cut off.

The Dead.
I. O. Yocum, fire insurance agent, prominent in Davenport, Ia.
Samuel Yocum, his son.
A. E. Conn, lawyer, Menango, Ill.
F. L. Ewing, mail clerk, Marietta, O.
H. F. Boswell, Chicago.
T. V. Stocum, machine dealer, Wauconda, Ill.
H. K. Woods, Lebanon, Ind.
Edward Toner, printer, Milwaukee.
S. W. Corey, railway postal clerk, Bucyrus, O.
Ward Lowe, railroad postal clerk, Secherville, Wis.
M. M. Hardy, traveling salesman, Juneau, Wis.
C. P. Cowan, collector on the Wabash railroad, St. Louis.
George B. Graves, compositor, Chicago.

Unidentified man, five feet eight inches tall, 165 pounds, thin brown hair and mustache.

Injured.
The following were injured:
J. S. Allison, Richland Center, Wis.; cut about head.
Edward Davenport, Chicago; injured internally by jumping from fourth story to roof of adjoining building.
W. G. Thomas, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; badly cut and bruised.
William M. Snyder, Loom City, Ia.; bruised by falling downstairs.
Mrs. June Sheppard, Chicago; back strained, arms and hands cut and bruised.
Robert C. Hamilton, Lebanon, Ind.; hands cut.
Cliff Ward, Battle Creek, Mich.; cut about head and hands lacerated.
F. G. Baker, Nashville, Mich.; feet burned.
Irwin Westerlund, Chicago; feet burned.
Olof Oldorf, Chicago; hands lacerated.

Veritable Death Trap.
The hotel was four stories in height and contained a number of rooms for a hotel of its size. After the fire Chief Musham of the fire department declared that they were the smallest rooms he had ever seen in a hotel building. Had there been fewer partitions, he declared, the chances of life for those sleeping on the upper floors of the hotel would have been greatly increased.

F. A. Smith, proprietor of the hotel, declared that there were, as nearly as he could judge without his books, about 125 people in the hotel. It was, in fact, filled to its utmost capacity, and many applicants for rooms were turned away last night with the information that they could not be accommodated.

Night Clerk Weber discovered the smoke pouring through the halls shortly before 6 o'clock and he best to alarm the guests, but the smoke was so dense and increased in volume so rapidly that he was able to arouse only a small number, and was then compelled to grope his way to the street to avoid suffocation.

The guests came down the one stairway of the building in all stages of undress, and several leaped from the windows of the second story to the sidewalk below and escaped without serious injury.

Firemen Saved Many Lives.
The firemen, who arrived with great promptitude, saved many lives by carrying people down ladders from the windows. The smoke on the inside of the building was so thick and so pungent that the firemen were unable to do more than to take the people out of the windows. Those who were not able to reach the windows in a few minutes after the fire broke out were suffocated. The fire itself amounted to very little. A portion of the third and second floors was burned, and the blaze was extinguished.

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WILL ASK FOR AN INCREASE OF WAGES,
BUT ARE NOT PREPARING TO STRIKE

Cleveland, O., Dec. 4.—Grand Master P. H. Morrissey of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, returned here today from Chicago, where he was in conference with the representatives of his organization in the west and northwest.

Upon request Mr. Morrissey dictated and gave the Associated Press the following signed statement concerning the reported combined movement on the part of the four leading organizations of railway employees to secure an advance of wages for their 170,000 members.

"The reports emanating from Chicago that 170,000 men represented by the established railway labor organizations were forming a federation or combination for the purpose of making a concerted demand for increased wages on the railway companies in the territory west of Chicago are not authoritative and no such movement is in contemplation. Conferences of representatives of some of the classes of railway labor have recently been held in Chicago, but have had no relation to the formation

THREE DESPERADOES HOLD UP EAGLE
CLUB ROOMS AT POCATELLO, IDA.

Pocatello, Dec. 4.—About the boldest and most daring hold-up in the history of Idaho was committed at 11 o'clock tonight, when three men whose faces are familiar around town, and who did their work without masks, entered the rear door of the Eagle club rooms and robbed the house of about \$1,000. Two of the men advanced into the

GRUESOME DISCOVERY

Badly Decomposed Remains of a
Man Found in Taylor Pond
Near Marysvale.

(Special to The Herald.)
Marysvale, Utah, Dec. 4.—At about 3:30 this afternoon Bernard Sorenson, while hunting water cress in the springs north of the Taylor pond and near the Rio Grande Western tracks, discovered the remains of an unknown man. The pond is distant about a half mile north of town, and is frequented by carp hunters. The body was lying on the bank about fifteen feet and lay face up in the water, only half of the remains being submerged. It must have been there a long time, as the birds had stripped the flesh from the exposed parts. The remains are believed to be those of a demented man who stopped at the Bullion hotel here last June and wandered away during the night. It was dark when the remains were recovered, and the inquest was adjourned until tomorrow morning, when a thorough investigation will be made.

RATHBONE SEEKS TO
DISCREDIT CUBAN COURT

Washington, Dec. 4.—Major Estes G. Rathbone, who was convicted of irregularities during his incumbency as director of posts of Cuba and who was pardoned after the American occupation ended, was at the capitol today for the purpose of pressing his petition, filed with the senate at the last session, for an investigation of the methods used in his conviction by the Cuban courts.

REBELS DEFEATED.

Madrid, Dec. 4.—Advices from Tangleur today said that the forces of the sultan of Morocco have, after heavy fighting, finally defeated the rebels in the Zennour territory.

The sultan narrowly escaped capture and his troops sustained heavy losses. The pretender to the throne remains at Tazza.

MUST GIVE UP THEIR
UNION OR THEIR JOBS

Buffalo, Dec. 4.—A special to the News from Suspension Bridge says that men are being brought there to take the places of a number of Michigan Central freight clerks, who are said to have resigned their positions rather than give up membership in their labor union. Superintendent Morford of St. Thomas is at Suspension Bridge. He brought with him eight men from Detroit, whom he learned the condition of affairs they refused to stay. The Detroit clerks stated that they were given to understand that there was a blockade of freight, and their assistants were needed by the regular force of clerks.

MOSQUITO CARRIES
DEATH IN ITS BILL

Washington, Dec. 4.—The sanitary conference of American republics, which has been in session here since Tuesday, came to an end tonight. Santiago de Chile was selected as the place of the next meeting, which will occur March 15, 1904.

The mosquito came in for a good share of attention during the closing session and several resolutions bearing on the subject of infection were adopted. One of these, offered by Dr. Arthur R. Reynolds of Chicago, urged the different governments to study in their respective territories the geographical distribution of the mosquito. A resolution offered by Dr. Gutierrez of Cuba is of broader scope, and in a measure makes the statement that the insect is the one factor in the communication of yellow fever.

AN AVALANCHE.

Baker City, Ore., Dec. 4.—A meagre report has just reached this city of an immense snowslide which occurred at Cornucopia last night. No details are obtainable, save that two miners were killed and an immense amount of damage done.

CANTEEN ARGUMENT
Paymaster General of the Army
Adds His Testimony to That
of Other Officers.

Washington, Dec. 4.—General Bates, paymaster general of the army, has sent a communication to Adjutant General Corbin in regard to the army canteen, in which he says:

"The claim of the war department in recommending the restoration of the canteen to the army that during the operation of the canteen law the discipline of the army was superior, derelictions much less, and that there were fewer fines and forfeitures by court-martials on account of breaches of military discipline resulting from the use of intoxicating liquors by men, appears to be fully borne out by the records of the paymaster general's office."

BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT

Montana Sheriff Followed Them
Night and Day Until He
Ran Them Down.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 4.—A special to the Miner from Billings says: News reached this place at a late hour this evening that Sheriff Potter of Carbon county captured the men today who robbed the bank at Bridger on Monday of \$2,250. The report says that the robbers were overtaken at Fishtail creek, a tributary of the Rosebud river, near the Wyoming line. They were in the cabin of a rancher, Pat Murphy, and Murphy was arrested also.

INSPECTOR HENDRIX
WOUNDED, BUT ALIVE

Manila, Dec. 4.—Captain Pershing has located what is left of a fleet of small gunboats which the Spaniards sank in Lake Lanao, island of Mindanao, in 1898. While returning from Iligan to Camp Vickers, friendly Moros guided the captain to a point where some portions of the wrecks were visible. An effort will probably be made to raise the vessels.

Constabulary Inspector Hendrix, who was reported to have been killed in a battle with the Moros, was found badly wounded. After the fight with the ladrones, on Nov. 25, the inspector wandered through the jungle for nearly a week and his wounds became gangrened, but he is expected to recover.

WILL STUDY THE CASES.

Postoffice Department Has Modified
Its Policy.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The decisions of the district court of appeals yesterday in the second-class mail reform cases will be studied carefully by the postoffice department officials before any definite conclusion is reached as to the future policy in reference to reclassification reforms. Postmaster General Payne today expressed the opinion that in view of the fact that one of the decisions was in favor of the government and the other two favored the claimants that a number of other cases are now pending in the lower courts, each case of exclusion or proposed exclusion of a publication is now being studied by the department. Some time ago suspended its aggressive exclusion policy pending a determination of the issues in court, and this situation will continue for the present.

TRIED AND CONVICTED
UNDER SPANISH LAWS

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Edward Johnson, a citizen of this state, through his attorney, has petitioned the supreme court of the District of Columbia for a writ of habeas corpus. Johnson, with two others, was convicted of robbery on the island of Guam and sentenced to long terms. The three men were seamen in the American navy, and Johnson's petition states that they were tried under the laws of Spain, in spite of the fact that Guam was American territory at the time of the commission of the crime. Johnson's attorney claims that the courts of Spain lacked jurisdiction, and asks that Johnson be given an opportunity to show why he should no longer be deprived of his liberty.

RAIN, SLEET AND SNOW.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 4.—General rain, sleet and snow prevailed throughout the state today. This is the earliest snowstorm known here in years. Business is practically at a standstill, and the telegraph wires are prostrated, and railway traffic has been impeded to some extent.

NAVAL WAR GAME BEGINS WITH THE
"ENEMY" EAGER AND FULL OF FIGHT

Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, Wednesday, Dec. 3.—Rear Admiral Sumner has issued an order with respect to the neutrality of Trinidad. While Admiral Sumner has not indicated when he proposes to sail, the understanding among the officers of the vessels under his command is that the squadron will leave the Gulf of Paria at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning. There is a light house at Boca Grande, the exit from the gulf, and apprehension is felt that the keeper may communicate with the United States consul, who will telegraph to Rear Admiral Higginson, commanding the defending squadron, the course and speed of the "enemy."

Consequently Admiral Sumner proposes, when out of sight of land, to change his course and speed and then proceed to the port chosen for the scene of the attack.

It is often the case that the course of warships is followed by boxes and other refuse thrown overboard. Therefore, Admiral Sumner has decided that such debris must be put in a container to sink immediately when thrown into the sea, or that it be burned. New code signals for use day and night have been arranged, in order to prevent their being read by Admiral Higginson's scouts.

Though his squadron is stronger than the other commanded by Admiral Cervera, Admiral Sumner declares that the problem before him is more difficult than that of the Spaniards, as the latter were able to choose posts in Cuba as well as in Porto Rico and Culebra. Moreover, the Spaniards moved from the Cape Verde islands, while Admiral Sumner's command is close and is limited in game has begun.

GAME HAS BEGUN.

Admiral Sumner's Squadron Now
Looking For a Weak Spot.

Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, Dec. 4.—The United States consul has been authoritatively informed through agents of the departure this morning of the "enemy's" squadron. Its destination is uncertain, but it is believed to be Porto Rico or Culebra. The ships passed through Boca Grande, going slowly. There is no satisfactory indication as to the course the squadron will pursue. All the warships had a low freeboard, which is evidence that they are filled with coal and ammunition. A collier carrying 2,500 tons of coal discharged its entire cargo into the various vessels, which also received provisions and ammunition from a supply ship. The "enemy" is prepared to make a dash to seize a base and hold it, and confidence as to the final success of the movement prevails on board the ships.

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED.

Havana, Dec. 4.—The reciprocity negotiations between General Tasker Bliss and the Cuban secretaries, Zaldo and Montes, is practically at a standstill, owing to the latter desiring to begin the study of the question today.

It is known that Secretaries Zaldo and Montes have reached a satisfactory agreement with General Bliss and that the signing of the agreement, but they do not wish to assume any responsibility, especially since the recent cabinet crisis, and view of the apparent determination on the part of the nationalist party to oppose the government.

WOMAN FATALLY INJURED.

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SECRETARY HITCHCOCK'S DECISION
WAS A HARD BLOW TO OIL DRILLERS

(Special to The Herald.)
Evanston, Wyo., Dec. 4.—Had a bomb exploded in Evanston no more surprise could have been caused than by the announcement from Washington today that the secretary of the interior had decided the Spring valley oil land contest case, which was brought by the American Consolidated Oil company against the Union Pacific railroad to prove that the land in question was more valuable for oil mining than for other purposes, in favor of the railroad company. The character of the ground, and the indisputable proof of the existence of oil in paying quantities appeared to be sufficient ground for the awarding of a verdict for the oil company, and with this belief, not only the American company, but many other concerns have gone ahead with development work and have spent thousands of dollars in the vicinity of Spring valley.

OIL MEN PARALYZED.

Just what will be done in the matter is not known. At present the oil men are simply paralyzed at the unexpected decision against them. But much will depend upon the action of the Union Pacific. If the railroad chooses to sell its lands, or permit the development of same for an interest in the product, the trouble may be settled amicably, but on the other hand if the oil

MINERS FAST IN
POVERTY'S GRIP

One Man Worked Seven Years
and Saved \$60.

SMALL NUMBER OWN HOMES

INTERESTING TESTIMONY BEFORE STRIKE COMMISSION.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 4.—At today's session of the anthracite strike commission the representatives of the mine workers continued to call witnesses, most particularly mine workmen, who told their story of conditions as they exist in the Hazleton, or middle, coal fields.

The miners tried to show by these witnesses that the Cox and other companies had violated the agreement entered into by both sides when the commission was appointed, that the strikers should return to work and be given their old places back, where they had not already been filled. Some of the witnesses called testified that they were not given back their old places, and maintained that men prominent in the union in the various localities during the strike were discriminated against.

Mine Inspectors to Appear.

The commission has decided to invite the mine inspectors to appear before them because the miners assert that the workmen fear to inform the mine inspectors of dangerous or unhealthy places in the mines because the inspectors are usually accompanied by some representative of the company, who may cause the man's dismissal. This is a new point before the commission.

Union Man Tempted.

Andrew Matthey, a Slavonian, who was employed at Cox Brothers & Co.'s, was the first witness called. He was the president of his local union, and was told by the company, he said, that if he quit the union he would be given a boss job. He refused, and later was given such work that he gave up his job. He said he was the means of bringing fourteen Slavonians to this country at the instance of a breaker in the Cox mine. The company promised \$1.10 a day, but received only 65 to 80 cents a day.

When the witness was asked by Mr. Darrow how many times he had seen the mine inspector in the mine, Commissioner Watkins asked the purpose of the question.

Mr. Darrow said that as a rule the mine inspector is accompanied by a company official, and therefore a miner is afraid to make a complaint in the presence of his boss.

Saved \$60 in Seven Years.

John G. Strenix, an Englishman, followed Matthey. He said he averaged about \$300 a year, and had worked in the mines for thirty years.

John Farani, an Austrian, formerly employed by the Cox company, said he was able to save only \$50 in the last seven years.

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